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HOUSE BILL NO. 313

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORE

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides for the assessment of a cost to reimburse the office of the constable of the city of Baton Rouge in the execution of certain bench warrants

AN ACT

2	To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(I), relative to costs associated with
3	execution of bench warrants; to authorize the constable for the city of Baton Rouge
4	to collect a cost to cover expenses for execution of certain bench warrants; and to
5	provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(I) is hereby enacted to read as
8	follows:
9	Art. 887. Defendant's liability for costs; suspension of costs; no advance costs
10	* * *
11	I. In addition to the costs provided in Paragraphs A, C, D, E, F, G, and H, of
12	this Article, a person arrested by the constable for the city of Baton Rouge pursuant
13	to a bench warrant issued for contempt of court shall be assessed a cost in the amount
14	of thirty-five dollars which shall be collected at the time of bonding or release from
15	custody. Such costs shall be paid to the constable for the city of Baton Rouge as
16	reimbursement of expenses incurred in the execution of bench warrants.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the constable for the city of Baton Rouge to collect a \$35 cost for reimbursement of expenses in the execution of certain bench warrants.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a person convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor, or ordinance of any local government may be assessed additional reasonable costs to cover the costs expended by the sheriff, marshal, constable, or municipal police in the execution of a bench warrant, or a fugitive warrant, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further provides that a person arrested by the constable for the city of Baton Rouge pursuant to a bench warrant issued for contempt of court shall be assessed a cost in the amount of \$35 which shall be collected at the time of bonding or release from custody. Provides that such costs shall be paid to the constable as reimbursement of expenses incurred in the execution of bench warrants.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 887(I))